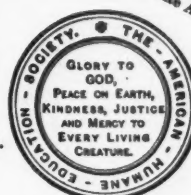


# Our Dumb Animals

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The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, The American Humane Education Society, and The American Band of Mercy



I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners  
and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.  
—Cowper.



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No man who really thinks will deny the statement of Vauvenargues—"All great thoughts come from the heart."

Agassiz was a scientist. He wrote of animals: "I cannot doubt of their immortality any more than I doubt of my own."

All humane workers are in danger of professionalism—doing their work as a matter of routine, the heart no longer an impelling power.

We can't solve the problem of suffering among men or animals, but we can do a diviner thing—lessen the suffering according to the measure of our power.

If fear paralyzes the intellect in man it must do the same, and even to a greater extent, in animals. Terrorize horse or dog by cruel treatment and naturally he becomes confused and knows not how to obey.

Facing the problem of human suffering men have said: Justice is at the heart of the Universe, the scales will swing even yet. Facing the thought of the aeons of the unutterable sufferings of animals, can we say less?

For every motor truck with its tons of coal or stone or brick or merchandise that appears upon our streets, who does not feel like singing a hymn of praise? It means just that much burden lifted from the patient horse.

Inexpressible as have been the horrors of this war, unutterable as are the sufferings it has caused, a new and better day for humanity will dawn after its darkness. Not to believe this is to despair of the world. Righteousness and judgment are still the habitation of His throne.

A distinguished scholar and thinker writes us, "I do not believe that even the highest of known animals—Man—is high enough, or humble enough, or wise enough, to interpret even to himself the significance of the infinite lives about him. I feel profound sympathy with the sentiment of the far from fanciful or poetic John Wesley, who considered all God's creatures as destined to survive what we call death."

Hector Malot, who wrote *Sans Famille*, one of the purest and most beautiful French stories (it was crowned by the French Academy), says: "The dog is almost always the mirror of his master, and he who sees the one sees the other. Show me your dog and I will tell you what you are. The ruffian has for his dog a scoundrel; the thief a thief; the stupid peasant a stupid dog; the man courteous and kind, a dog like himself."

We can begin none too soon to cultivate the spirit of good will toward all men. Never mind what we think of Germany or England or Russia or France or Austria—the men and women and children of all these governments are our kith and kin, worthy of our love, our reverence, our confidence. When "the tumult and the shouting dies," we dare predict that on both sides the sea the human heart will reveal anew those virtues of forgiveness and friendship that are its divinest heritage.

In the early days of the war when great bodies of troops were meeting in the open field, the death rate among horses was very much larger than it has been since. Then they reckoned the average life of a horse at four and one-half days, that of a soldier at six and five-sixths days, that of automobiles and aeroplanes at three days, and that of the motor truck at less than one day. Millions will rejoice when peace comes, not only for the soldiers delivered from the horrors of war, but as well for the noble horses.

Any one who has watched the shipment of horses for war purposes at any of our ports must smile at such articles as those entitled "Make Horses Drunk to Ship 'em to War." The very fact of the high economic value of these horses to the governments buying them and the further fact that the shippers are not paid for them till after they arrive on the other side, have combined to make necessary their humane treatment, and to save them from unnecessary suffering. We would that not a horse had to be sent abroad. The whole thing is pitiful in every way, but we do not help matters by wild and unwarranted statements.

"Animals do go to heaven, for the Bible says the Promised Land is flowing with milk and honey, and, if there are no animals, where do they get the milk?"  
—Til-Bits.

## THE FUTURE

What is it to be? Unquestionably better than the past. The world is not on the down grade. Judge its progress not by years, but by aeons. Many a wave of an incoming tide would seem to mark a tide that ebbs. It takes many waves to tell the story.

How shall this better future be hastened for men and nations? Nothing has in it for this end such hope and promise as humane education. Once let all our schools and colleges be open to the daily teachings of the principles of justice, fair-play, good will, and kindness, as the supreme factors in determining the relations between nation and nation, between man and man, and between man and all the creatures below him, and our civilization would mount at once to a higher level. Wars would soon be only relics of a barbarous age, the bitter controversies between capital and labor would give place to cooperation and the recognition of a common kinship, strikes and lockouts and deeds of violence and destruction would cease, race-prejudices would die, the dream of seer and prophet would be no longer scoffed at, and the kingdoms of this world would become the kingdom of truth and love and justice—as some day they must.

All honor to science and philosophy and art and whatever else is useful to mankind that our schools and colleges teach. But these are not half so basic, so fundamental in developing character and shaping the future of the world, as the elemental things that lie enfolded in these two words, "Humane Education." The former things, taught never so well, do not and cannot reach the deepest springs of action.

Some day our educators will realize this to a far greater extent than at present. Then the work of such organizations as the American Humane Education Society will be recognized as striking at the very root of evil and founded in the highest wisdom. Already more than four million children reached by our own Society and influenced by its teachings, stand for a service rendered humanity beyond compute. The man who has a thousand dollars, a million dollars, to give for the welfare of the world can no more effectively use it than in the work of humane education.  
F. H. R.

"It is interesting to note how this new care of the horse in war has indirectly been brought about by the influence of the humane societies."  
—U. S. Cavalry Journal.

## OLD DOBBIN FREED

By WILL P. LOCKHART

No, Mr. Trader, go your way,  
I've set old Dobbin free;  
I may be foolish, as you say,  
But I've a conscience, see?  
For twenty years he served me well  
And this is Dobbin's wage,  
A refuge in the grassy dell,  
And foods that suit his age.

I can't afford it? Yes I can.  
Your argument's the same  
That's used by every heartless man  
Who knows himself to blame—  
The man who, Judas-like, betrays,  
For but a paltry sum,  
The faithful friend of other days,  
And sells the aged dumb.

You say you cannot understand?  
Perhaps I lack the art  
Of making people understand  
Who haven't any heart;  
But, to the final word I come,  
'Tis plain as plain can be;  
I'll be no traitor to the dumb,  
I've set old Dobbin free.

## "GIT-UP!"

By JOSEPH M. GREENE

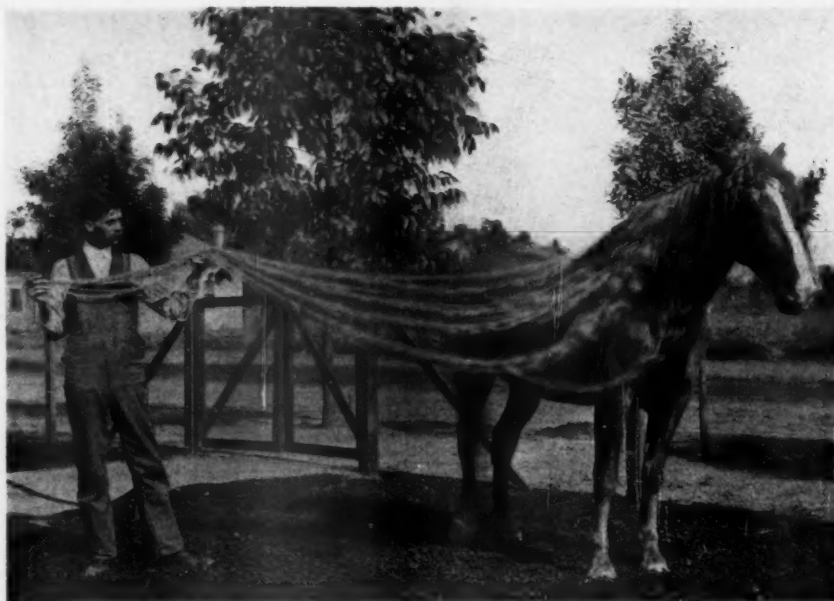


**N**OT long ago I came across a huckster's team—the horse with open bridle, plump sides and a peaceful eye. This so surprised me that I offered to shake hands with the owner who, not understanding classic English, was as surprised as myself!

A lump arises in my throat whenever I think of a certain character in Dickens' story of "Nicholas Nickleby." It is the character of "Smike," of Dotheboys Hall;—Smike, large in stature but simple in mind, who was made the school-drudge by the tyrant Squeers. The Horse is the "Smike" of the animal world, great in body, but mild in disposition, and poor in self-assertion and independence of character. And at sight of him on his weary rounds of patient, thankless, hopeless slavery I feel the same suspicious lump!

To that great composite creature, the public, which treats this indispensable animal simply as a bundle of wind and sinew to be exploited, I would put this question:—How would *you* like to be enslaved by a race of beings only one-tenth your size, formidable in cunning and resource, resistless and malignant in the art of subjugation, expecting you to understand their every command or even wish, and merciless in punishment of your shortcomings? In such a case would you not look upon your existence as a hell? And yet just that is the lot of many a Horse!

But, you say, the horse is different from us! He plods along, stolid and indifferent, never worrying and caring nothing for the future. Ah! my friend, do not be too sure of that! The horse is a secretive animal. Ages of slavery have encased him in a shell of seeming apathy, but have not quenched that brightness and sensitiveness which is his nature. See how, on occasion, these qualities burst out in a way almost startling, like an ember fanned to a sudden flame! Many a time have I spoken to one of those stolid slaves, standing by the curb and looking as if it would be a matter of indifference to him if Bunker Hill monument should walk down the street; and yet, if I came upon him somewhat unawares, the head would be suddenly thrown up and the eye gleam with apprehension! And many a time a friendly pat of mine has been greeted by some forlorn looking animal with a petulant shake and aversion of the head, startlingly human in



## A MARE WHOSE MANE IS EIGHTEEN FEET LONG

By H. E. ZIMMERMAN

A gentleman of Inglewood, California (G. O. Zillgitt), is the owner of a gray mare with a mane eighteen feet long. This mane is so heavy and long that it is necessary to keep it braided and in a net. In order to get this picture it took one and one-half hours to unbraid the mane and the same length of time to rebraid it. The braid measures six inches at the broadest part. This mare has a colt several years old with a tail fifteen feet in length. Many theories have been advanced in explanation for such abnormal growth, but none appears to solve the problem.

its action, as if to say:—"Go away! You can't help me! What's the use!"

The horse, too, has a fine sense of humor. This trait is often to be seen in those fortunate cases where he has been made by his master a friend and comrade. Then we find the roguish eye and nibbling lips; the muzzle that pokes you in the vest; and sometimes the simulation, with great pretended ferocity, of being about to devour you!

I was walking one day through one of Boston's business streets near the Post Office, when I took out my note-book to make a memorandum. I was near the edge of the sidewalk and busily writing, when slowly but surely a great, dark object was interposed between my eyes and the page; and I turned to see the gentle eyes of a beautiful horse fixed calmly and inquiringly on my face! It was a hackman's pet who had been standing at the curb, had seen me at work, and was curious to know what it was all about!

In my boyhood days in New Hampshire we had a little horse, under nine hundred in weight, the personification of strength, roguery, independence and humor. My father often told of the tricks "Billy" would play on him when he went to fetch him from the pasture at nightfall. After leading his master a dance over the pasture, he would at last allow himself to be caught, and then, led by the halter, would tramp along sedately behind. But father used to say that every now and then he would feel a sudden poke in the back, and, turning around, would see Billy at the full length of the halter, walking quietly along and eyeing him with great solemnity!

These incidents show that the mind of the horse is a hidden mine of thought and feeling. Now the capacity for pleasure of any creature is a gauge of its capacity for pain. Considering, therefore, the natural sense of humor of the average horse and his sensitiveness and secretiveness in connection with his general dull and

hopeless appearance, we can form a fair estimate of the wretchedness of his life.

Many years' observation of horses and their drivers has taught me one primary fact: that the average modern driver has no more conception of the treatment due to that marvelous machine of muscle and nerve beneath him than he has of the moons of Saturn! I do not here refer to the grosser forms of abuse, the most common and flagrant of which is the giving over of this noble creature into the hands of irresponsible, half-developed and reckless boys; I refer to those less noticeable but yet pernicious habits, which are an eyecore to the informed observer, and a purgatory to the horse.

The chief of these is the bellowing manner of addressing our sub-human friend, affected by most drivers, as if this animal were not only hard of hearing (instead of possessing, as is well known, a super-sensitive ear), but likewise a culprit and reprobate who, instead of putting food into the stomach of his driver and clothes on his back, was his malignant foe and a general enemy to the human race! I never hear a driver speak in a reasonable and friendly tone to his horse, calling him at the same time by name, that I do not take off my hat to him, at least in spirit.

We all likewise know the hysterical driver (much in evidence in the vicinity of Boston) who yells "Back!" when he doesn't mean "back" but "whoa"! Of course, in such cases an order to really "back" would lose its force, and have to be enforced by hauling on the lines!

Another exasperating habit is that of constantly urging the horse to "git-up!" when he is already "gitting-up" the best he can. How many of us would just give our ears to be where we would never again hear the vociferous injunction which adorns the head of this article! Such a habit, of course, ultimately lessens the driver's control of his horse when "git-up!" should mean something. This habit is twin with the one of continually twitching the lines,



or flicking the animal with the whip. It keeps the horse in a state of discouragement, conveying to him the impression that what he is doing goes for nothing. I was chatting one day with a driver for a Boston coal company, and admiring the intelligent and peaceful appearance of his noble span; one, 1650; and the other, 1700 in weight. "That's because they don't have to worry," responded the driver. "They know their work as well as I know mine. When they want to rest they stop; and when they stop I know they need to."

In a city of the far West I once saw a rebuke administered by a horse to his driver, which for promptness and effectiveness I have never seen equaled before or since. The animal was trotting along at a good, steady pace, when his driver felt called upon to give him a cut with the whip. Whereupon the horse stopped short in his tracks and refused to budge. And it was a good two or three minutes before he agreed to start! It was a most eloquent sermon! I wish I could say that it was one generally preached in that region; but unfortunately I cannot. Would that this Patrick Henry of a horse could give a few lessons in his art to his cowed brethren!

A few common abuses of the negligent kind occur to me, with which I will end this appeal for the rational treatment of our best sub-human friend. One is the outrage of the common, hideous, choking, burlap feed-bag. Another is the absence of State laws providing for the protection of stabled horses from fire. Then there is the frequent absence of rubber coverings in cold and wet or snowy weather. I have been told by drivers for large and wealthy concerns that they have no conveniences in the stable for drying the ordinary woolen blanket, soaked by rain or snow; and so, for a day or two after a storm the horses have to put up with a cold and wet covering or go without! Then there is the "lazy man's blanket," which we have with us always! It is administered by grabbing the folded blanket from the wagon seat and throwing it at the horse. If it sticks, well and good. If it falls off in a minute or two, it is the fault of the horse.

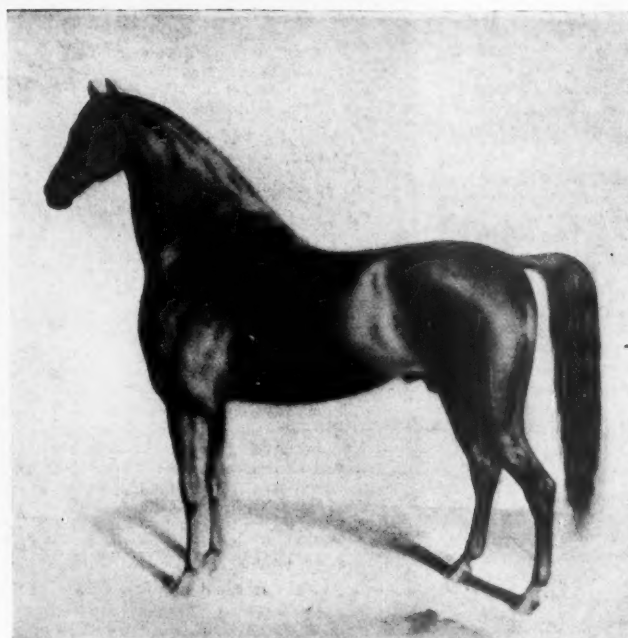
The high checkrein, the blinder and docked tails are such obvious abuses that I have omitted mention of them. They are coming under the ban of public sentiment in the more civilized portions of the community. For it is gradually getting to be understood that a horse with an open bridle and no check, full mane, tail and forelock, plump sides, inquiring and observant ears and a placid eye, is a pleasant spectacle; one, in fact, that would lead even a pessimist to think the millennium may yet be on its way!

#### THE HORSE CAME BACK

The following incident took place in Fairmont, Minnesota, according to a recent issue of the *Sentinel* of that place:

Fred Merry of this city owned an old family driving horse which had been the faithful servitor of the household for many years. Finally it was concluded not to keep the steed any longer and accordingly it was taken out to an auction sale in the country the other day and sold. The buyer was a man who lived more than twenty miles from Fairmont over the line in Iowa. Two or three days later Mr. Merry went out to the stable in the morning and there was the old horse comfortably munching fodder in the stall. It seems the animal got homesick, broke away from the premises of its new owner and by instinct found its way back home. We imagine it was pretty hard for the Merrys to send the horse back to its new owner after such an exhibition of devotion.

Just as we go to press we learn that National Horse Day has been changed from the first Monday in June to May 20.



BLACK HAWK

From a daguerreotype

#### BOSTON WORK HORSE PARADE

The splendid work done during the past years for the horses of Boston through the influence of the annual work-horse parade, its prizes offered for best kept stables, best cared for horses, etc., has justly been acknowledged on every hand. There has been a vast deal of gratuitous labor expended in directing and managing this yearly event and the officers and committees are worthy of highest praise. We trust the parade of this year will be the largest and finest of them all.

F. H. R.

#### "HUMANE SUNDAY," MAY 21

We have sent to every newspaper in Massachusetts postals reading as follows:

This is a gentle reminder to clergymen that "Humane Sunday" comes this year on May 21. Ministers have their texts planned so far ahead of dates that they sometimes fail to get time for a "Humane Sunday."

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will gladly furnish all desired information if one calls up Brookline 6100, or addresses the Secretary, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

Suggestive literature, including a "Sermon on Humanity," extracts from other sermons and addresses, and "A Festival of Tender Mercies" (vesper service), is available for all ministers interested to send for it, and we hope that "Humane Sunday" will be generally observed in the churches of Massachusetts.

"The assistance of the Animal Protective Societies (Tierschutz-Vereines), the German organizations, has been most liberal in furnishing moneys or supplies of woolen horse blankets for winter camps, and many kinds of medicines and dressings."

— U. S. Cavalry Journal.

#### FREE STALLS AND KENNELS

Free stalls and kennels in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital may be endowed by individuals. Seventy-five dollars a year for a horse stall, thirty-five dollars a year for a kennel.

#### BLACK HAWK

We do not know how many years it is since the famous stallion Black Hawk died. We remember in our boyhood days, however, of hearing farmers boast of their Black Hawk colts. One such colt, owned in the family, we recall. The photograph of this great horse, which we reproduce here, is from an old daguerreotype. Notice the small delicate muzzle, one of the sure signs of breeding, the powerful shoulders, the little ear.

F. H. R.

#### WAS IT "INSTINCT"?

The horse, as everybody knows, is an animal of lower intelligence than man. That, an office-mate explains, is why when a man let go of himself and fell

into Washington street directly in front of an approaching horse, t'other evening, the animal spread his front feet over the careless gentleman and stood anxiously still till he was removed.

—Boston Globe.

#### MORGAN HORSE, 41 YEARS OLD

AS lively and happy as a colt, careering and cantering and kicking up his heels at the age of 41—all this is rarely known in a horse. But "Sam," well past the two score mile-post, oldest horse in Portland, Maine, or its vicinity, is doing it betimes, and withal enjoying life and health notwithstanding the years that have sped by him.

Sam has grown old gracefully. Instead of being lame, blind and toothless, as old horses too often are, he is full of spirit and coltishness. He is of Morgan stock, and came from Farmington when he was very young, but was not broken to harness until he was four years old.

Good breeding and kind handling have made Sam what he is today, a horse, as sound as a nut, pleasant in disposition, and the pride and satisfaction of his owner.

Sam likes to be petted and frequently shows his sense of humor, as when someone happens to be standing near him, but apparently not paying him proper attention. It is then that he will slyly reach over and grab the person's hat or nip at his sleeve. His intelligence and longevity are unquestionably the result of sympathetic care and training, regularity in feeding and freedom from overwork.



"SAM," 41 YEARS OLD

## AN UNUSUAL POEM

We reprint the following poem by special permission of the George H. Doran Company, New York, publishers of "Today and Tomorrow," by Mr. Charles Hanson Towne, and are pleased also to republish this comment from the *Literary Digest*:

The incongruity of the appearance of wild animals on the vaudeville stage must be apparent to every thinking man. But the tragedy of the situation has never, in our experience, been brought out so clearly as it is in the extraordinarily powerful poem we quote below. It takes something more than enthusiasm and artistry to write adequately on such a theme as this; it takes discretion and restraint and a sense of proportion. A poet less gifted would have made this poem grotesque or bathetic, but Mr. Towne has made it realistic and appealing. The climax of his last stanza is admirable.

## BABOON

By CHARLES HANSON TOWNE

At eight o'clock in the evening,  
And at two in the afternoon  
The monster curtains open,  
The fiddles creak and croon;  
And then I bow to the people—  
A lumbering baboon.

I wonder why I do it?  
Why do the humans stare  
From even rows of shadow  
Behind the footlights' glare?  
Why do I go through my weary tricks  
On a table and a chair?

They laugh and clap and giggle,  
They never seem to tire,  
For I am quite amusing  
As I dance upon a wire,  
Or leap, at my master's signal,  
Through golden hoops of fire.

I can not smile, like the people,  
I can not speak at all;  
I pirouette insanely  
In the foolish carnival;  
Yet could I laugh, oh, I would laugh  
When the velvet curtains fall!

For I wonder why those people  
Sit in such even rows,  
And smile at my useless knowledge.  
Laugh at my mincing toes,  
And dream that they have wisdom!—  
How little a human knows!

And why do they always gather  
In houses bright and hot,  
When they might be out in the open  
In a place I've never forgot?  
Why do they live in a shell like this,  
And bid me share their lot?

And why is my life a schedule,  
Run by rote and rule?

I was not meant for theaters,  
I was not made for school;  
I was not meant to caper here,  
A thing of ridicule!

I was not meant to be the slave  
Of a man in a shiny suit,  
Or bring the golden dollars in  
To stand up and salute;  
The good God put me in the world  
To be a happy brute!

But at eight o'clock each evening,  
And at two in the afternoon  
The monster curtains open.  
The fiddles creak and croon;  
And I bow to the senseless people—  
A sensible baboon!

## MONEY IN GRASS

Could not any one make a handsome profit by bringing into the city during the spring and early summer fresh green grass for horses that otherwise would never see it? Not only would the grass be a great luxury for the horses, but it would be better than medicine. Many, we believe, would be glad to purchase it. F. H. R.

## HIGH COST OF PUBLISHING

Owing to the unusual rise in prices of book papers, especially coated papers such as are used for nearly all the literature of the American Humane Education Society, a new schedule of prices will go into effect, beginning May 15. Patrons are therefore requested to take advantage NOW of the low prices at which literature is offered in the price-lists appearing in this issue of *Our Dumb Animals*. Some kinds of paper have advanced 100 per cent., while the coated stock used by our Society has advanced over 50 per cent.

## OUTLINE FOR CELEBRATION OF "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" WEEK, MAY 15-20, AND "HUMANE SUNDAY," MAY 21

**Monday**—Editorials in all local newspapers.

**Tuesday**—Addresses in all public schools.

**Wednesday**—Noon meetings for factory employees.

**Thursday**—Special addresses to Boy Scouts, Teamsters' Unions, etc.

**Friday**—Children's Pets Exhibitions.

**Saturday**—National Horse Day—Work-horse parades.

**Sunday**—Sermons on "Kindness" in all churches, and special exercises in Sunday-schools.

## A CARD TO MASSACHUSETTS EDITORS

The following in the form of a postal card was sent out by us to all the editors of newspapers in Massachusetts and to many others:

## A CRUEL EASTER PRACTICE

It's  
hard enough  
to have no mother  
but an  
incubator.



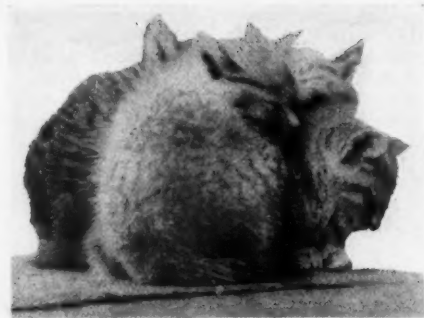
Please  
help save us from  
the  
"Easter Chick"  
sale!

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

Won't you say a word on our behalf? The children hurt us, unintentionally no doubt, then forget us, and we die a wretched death. Please speak against the cruel practice of buying and selling us for Easter presents.

Through our friend, *The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*.

BOSTON, April, 1916.



A BALL OF FUR

JIM, THE PAY-ROLL CAT  
(A True Story)

By LOUELLA C. POOLE

Bewildered, frightened, hungry, gaunt,  
A vagrant of the street,  
He crept for shelter, one hot day,  
Within the cool retreat—

Though deafening was the presses' crash—  
Of a great printery,  
A paradise it seemed to him,  
So spent and bruised was he.

And in this place, all undisturbed,  
No more obliged to roam  
The city streets, with grateful heart  
In peace he made his home.

A fine reserve, born of his woes,  
Bade him hide safe from sight,  
But on patrol, sharp-eared, keen-eyed,  
He stalked the place each night.

And predatory rats and mice  
Grew daily less and less—  
In truth a paradise it seemed,  
These paths of pleasantness.

To one alone did he respond—  
The merry office boy—  
His call gray Jim ne'er failed to heed  
With every mark of joy.

Upon his shoulder he would spring  
Each morning him to greet;  
About his tasks would follow him,  
And purr around his feet.

When the steam whistles blew at twelve,  
Jim heeded not the sound,  
Though 'twas the office nooning hour,  
And quiet reigned around.

But when at one the whistles shrilled,  
Quick as a flash he sought  
His friend, the boy ('twas then he dined),  
To share the food he brought.

"Why, Victor, do you always, lad,  
Your lunch share in this way?"  
The master asked, as he observed  
This friendly pair one day.

Quick on the pay-roll went the name  
Of "Jim, the Office Cat,"  
'Gainst fifty cents, his weekly wage—  
And low enough at that

For keeping office foes at bay  
And order in the house;  
No longer could be seen or heard  
A single rat or mouse.

Quite dignified and proud puss looked,  
Said all who noted him,  
When every pay-day was passed out  
An envelope marked "Jim."

Ever alert, his place assured,  
Now sleek, content, and fat,  
A valued member of the firm  
Is Jim, the office cat!

## GOOD TO THE CAT

"Why do you beat your little son? It was the cat that upset the vase of flowers."

"I can't beat the cat. I belong to the S. P. C. A."

—*The Catholic Advance*.



## MY SMALL BROWN DOG

By MISS A. G. THAYER

## I.

He does not wait till I appear;  
A sixth sense tells him I am near;  
He greets me with a clarion clear—  
My small brown dog.

## II.

I tell him worrying odds and ends  
Of things too small for human friends.  
A most attentive ear he bends—  
My small brown dog.

## III.

He never asks the reason why;  
He never makes a "fool" reply,  
Nor wonders when I smile or sigh—  
My small brown dog.

## IV.

They say this world sees all of him,  
But that's because their sight is dim.  
I think the glorious seraphim  
Like small brown dogs.

## BE FAIR WITH THE DOG

ONLY muzzle a dog when it is absolutely necessary. The wearing of a muzzle tends to make dogs cross and snappish.

It does not prove that a dog has rabies or is mad because he froths at the mouth. He may have a sore throat or a fit.

Clipping the ears is a cruel and barbarous practice, wholly unnecessary, depriving the animal of its natural comfort and beauty, and injuring its hearing.

If you must tie up the dog, have the end of the chain secured to a ring on a long wire, so that he can have the run of at least twenty or thirty feet.

Don't blame the dog for showing no ambition if he is overfed on meats and sweets. His health and spirits will be of the best if he is given simple but substantial food and allowed the freedom of outdoor life.

Train the dog with firmness and fairness. He is eager to learn what is wanted of him and when once he understands, he will follow instructions with almost human intelligence.

## HOW ONE WOMAN HELPED

Editor *Our Dumb Animals*:

A few days ago, while a boy was leading several horses along a slippery street, one of them, becoming frightened, jerked loose from his rope halter, and ran onto the pavement. He fell on the icy sidewalk, rose, and fell again, but struggled to his feet though his hip was injured. The young driver, leaving the other horses alone, went to help him back, but the nervous animal refused to walk, fearing another fall. A colored woman, from her doorway, called to the boy to wait a minute. Soon she brought a box of ashes which she spread around the horse's feet. Getting another box, and telling the young man to lead the horse, she walked ahead, sprinkling the ashes in front of him. Finding firm footholds, the horse walked back to the waiting group.

One who witnessed this incident praised the woman for her kind and sensible act. She replied that her heart ached for the poor horses, ill-treated by ignorant and often cruel drivers, and that she did all that she knew how to relieve their suffering or prevent it. When questioned she answered that she would be glad to give humane literature where it was badly needed, and expressed a wish to join the S. P. C. A. When taught how, this kind woman will form Bands of Mercy among those whom it is difficult for others to reach.

The humane cause needs many such ardent, sensible workers. ANNIE E. HENKELS,  
Philadelphia, March 7, 1916.



"DEAR OLD BOB"

A handsome collie owned by Mrs. John L. Shepard, South Braintree, Massachusetts

## A COLLIE ON THE MOORS

THE following anecdote is related by a Yorkshire minister, in *The British Weekly*:

One afternoon in the early autumn, some seven years back, I set out from the village of Sleights for a walk across the moors. When half-way up Blue Bank, a steep hill which links the village and the moorland, a collie dog quietly stepped out from a farmstead and joined himself to me. I am not particularly fond of dogs, and spoke sharply to him: "Go back! Go away home!" He persisted, however, in accompanying me, and, noticing his decided intention, I took no further notice of him. After walking about two miles into the heart of the moors, suddenly a powerful-looking man of the tramp class rose out of the heather, and came towards me. I was over a mile away from the nearest dwelling-house. He asked me half a dozen more or less irrelevant questions, casting, I fancied, ominous glances at my watch-chain, to which was attached a valuable gold watch, a present from an old circuit. But the collie stood at attention close by my side, and once gave a low growl. I excused further conversation with the man, remarking that it was time for me to return. Then he began to repeat the usual story that he was unable to find work, and had perforce to resort to begging. I turned and left him, thankful that I had the protection of the collie, which kept with me till within half a mile of the village. Then he suddenly raced away, and I never saw him again for several months.

Now, what induced the dog to attach himself to me? Was it a mere coincidence, or was he a heaven-sent guardian?

## FOR THE SAKE OF THE TOADS

By ROBERT SPARKS WALKER

FROM close observation covering a period of more than ten years, I have been thoroughly convinced that every city in the country should take some immediate steps for the protection of the useful and harmless toads. It is a matter of much importance that these little animals be encouraged to live and multiply on city lots, just the same as they do on the farms. They have their place in the city and fill a great mission. They are very reliable and efficient patrolmen of the lawn, flower and vegetable gardens at night-time.

They also prey upon many small insects which are a menace to the health of the inhabitants of the city. It is almost inconceivable—the very great number of insects which a single toad will devour in one evening. As an experiment, in less than a half hour, I caught and fed thirty fireflies to one toad. Apparently he relished the last fly swallowed as well as he did the first. A firefly is of good size compared to some of the smaller insects which a toad devours.

The ebb and flow of the toads in the city, barring their own enemies and accidents, is governed entirely by the supply of insects which he is capable of catching. If the supply is short, the toads perish until the number is reduced to a ratio in proportion to their food supply. This is the same result of the struggle for existence throughout nature, including both plant and animal life.

Now this brings me to the ultimate object of this article. By close observation, I have noted that in the cities there is a sufficient supply of food to maintain many toads. In the years 1908 and 1909, on an average city lot, by careful attention, I was able to maintain about thirteen toads. Apparently, they received an ample supply of insects. Doubtless one reason for these little fellows remaining so faithful to our premises was the kind treatment accorded them. The children were even taught the art of feeding them, so almost every evening during the summer months the toads were assisted in their evening expeditions in search for food. To this kindness they gave immediate response, and did not abandon our small lot. Cruel treatment will always drive them in search of more pleasant quarters.

Three years later, after the above experience, I observed that our toads were venturing underneath the street lights below our house. At night hundreds of flying insects collide with the bright lights and fall to the ground. Naturally the toads will leave the lawns and gardens to venture to such great food markets. Thus the middle of the street becomes a mecca for city toads. Automobile and delivery wagons driving rapidly and some recklessly under these lights, snuff out the lives of thousands of toads annually. From my own experience our number was reduced from thirteen to not more than two. I ascribe the loss to the death toll taken by automobiles and other vehicles. I know that the food supply is the same now as it was when we had them in such great numbers, and I know that the usual amount of kindness has not diminished. This may appear to some as a trivial matter, but as a whole, it is a thought which merits serious consideration. A cheap wire screen can be suspended underneath street lights, which will catch and hold the unfortunate insects and thus remove the temptation for the toad to venture to the dangerous street. Any city can well afford to provide such devices at a nominal cost.

I might suggest here to those who are sufficiently interested in the welfare of the toad, that an electric light arranged near the ground

in the back yard will attract thousands of insects, and the toads will soon learn to go to such a place for food. To look at it from one point of view, it might be truthfully said that you cannot be kind to one particular sort of carnivorous or insectivorous animal without being unkind to others, because to favor one, you must kill the other. In the case of the toad, the insects captured are the kind which are injurious, directly or indirectly, to man—the highest type of animal life, and as the father of kindness all other creatures must naturally look to him for exemplary treatment.



Photograph from Audubon Society  
HORNED LARKS

#### EMBLEM OF CHARITY

By MRS. SUSANNA D. BISHOP

**P**ELICANS are noted everywhere for their intelligence, but nowhere for their beauty, perhaps because they carry their fish basket so conveniently below the bill. They like to flock together, being very sociable, and so kindly that since ancient times they have been used as emblems of charity. And in fables they are given the credit of wounding their own breast so that they may feed their young from the blood that flows. This idea, some think, is founded on sentiment rather than fact. At any rate they usually feed their young on fish, wading out in the water after them and scooping them up in the handy pouch. In this way they carry them to the clumsily built nests near by.

But sometimes they do their fishing on the wing, and they swoop down between the big waves very cleverly, rising and falling as the waves roll up, but never quite touching the water. Then when they sight a fish they plunge in with a great splash.

The wing-spread of the brown California pelican is six feet, the pouch is purple and the bill a foot long. At one of the beaches recently a flock of pelicans held a funeral for one of their deceased comrades after dragging him out of the water onto the rocks. He had probably been shot by some miscreant, though the sea-birds are protected by law. And so, uttering cries and mournful sounds, they buried him beneath the kelp and other seaweed washed up along the shore.

#### SEA-GULLS

By MISS LESLIE SAVAGE

Sea-gulls are the souls of ships  
Wrecked on stormy seas,  
Stately ships that sailed away  
With billowing sunlit sails,  
Valiant ships, that ventured far  
Along the salt sea trails.

The stately hulls lie broken now,  
Near reef, or lonely bay,  
But souls of ships come winging swift  
Along the homeward way.  
Glad, free wings that sweep and soar,  
Gleaming, sunlit breast,  
Sea-gulls are the souls of ships  
Come home, at last, to rest.

#### THE UNINVITED GUEST

By MARY E. COWLES

**A**NYONE who has visited Burlington-on-Lake-Champlain will recall the stately old elms arching the streets and will remember too that it is just the sort of pleasant and leisurely large town where the gray squirrels choose to abide. To see them frisking among the trees and even along the well used walks is very common indeed. The children here are kind to their little friends-in-fur who in return have become quite tame; often they frolic on the front porches of the homes and sometimes are even tempted inside the door. This leads me to my story—a true one—for I was there!

Our rooms were on the second floor and below us lived a young man who was very fond of the squirrels and often played with them on the door-step, feeding them peanuts from his hands. One day I was at the piano practising most intently when suddenly I heard the dishes rattling upon the tea-table just behind me. I looked and beheld "Squirrel Nutkins" calmly seated in the midst of my hand-painted china! He seemed very happy, gazing about at his new surroundings. I was anything but happy with visions of broken cups and saucers dancing in my mind! I scarcely dared wink lest my caller flee in alarm, fulfilling all my fears. Quietly, breathlessly I tiptoed into the next room and awaited results. Soon I heard little animal feet pattering down the stairs and I returned to the parlor expecting to find a wreck of the tea-table. To my great surprise all was in perfect order. Not even a cup upset! It seemed almost unbelievable—a dream too good to be true! But true it is, every word! Some one has wondered if the Chopin waltz lured the little fellow through the open door up the stairs to my room, or if perhaps he came for an afternoon cup of tea.

There may be many causes for the call, though but one result, not a bad one, and "All's well that ends well."

#### ANOTHER PRIZE OFFER

For "Be Kind to Animals" Bands of Mercy

Desiring to have as many Bands of Mercy formed as possible during "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" WEEK, the American Humane Education Society offers three prizes for the formation of such within that time (May 15-20, 1916). The only stipulation is that the Bands shall be formed as "Be Kind to Animals" Bands of Mercy.

The FIRST PRIZE of five dollars in cash will be awarded to the Band with the largest number of members; the SECOND PRIZE, three dollars in cash, will be awarded to the Band with the next largest number of members; and the THIRD PRIZE, two dollars in cash, will be given to the Band with the third largest number of members.

These Bands are to be newly organized, the members thereof to be new members. All reports of such Bands are to be made to the American Humane Education Society or to school authorities where organized, and sent to our office, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, not later than June 1, 1916.

#### OSTRICHES ARE PROFITABLE

By H. E. ZIMMERMAN

**H**ERE are some interesting facts about the ostrich as a money-maker. Ostriches were first brought into the United States in 1882. Between 1882 and 1886, 120 were imported from South Africa, and from these were bred all the 10,000 birds now estimated to be living in this country. Most of the ostrich farms are located in Arizona, though there are several in California and a few in Texas, Arkansas, and Florida. There is now considerably more than two million dollars invested in the ostrich industry throughout the country, not including the value of the farms.

Ostriches are very profitable if properly cared for. One acre of alfalfa will support four ostriches for one year, with hardly any other food but gravel and ground bone. The same acre of alfalfa will support a cow, but a cow at the end of five years will be worth only \$50, whereas the four ostriches at five years of age will be worth \$1,000. The birds will yield one hundred dollars' worth of feathers a year, besides the increase through the eggs. Even the shells of infertile eggs are sold as curios.

The price of feathers varies from \$10 to \$150 per pound. As it costs about ten dollars a year to support a bird, there is a profit of \$60 an acre from feathers alone. No one knows the age ostriches attain, for they have not been under domestication for a sufficient length of time to determine their longevity. They mature at the age of five years, but they are supposed to live to about three score and ten.



BABY OSTRICHES EMERGING FROM SHELL

Note the size of the ostrich egg compared with the hen's egg which is seen beside it



## One of Nature's Wonders—The Feather *by W. S. P.*

**T**O most people a feather is just a feather, either pretty or plain according to how the coloring strikes their individual fancy. Yet when a feather is examined critically, it becomes a wonder and yet more wonderful—it is amazing when its details are understood. Never was there a thing better planned and builded for the uses intended.

Take, for instance, a plain feather—say the tail feather of an eagle. The long quill is made of "featherbone," that wonderfully light, yet strong, material that forms the rigid part of all feathers, so tough that it is almost impossible to break it, yet so flexible it will bend into a circle and then spring back like a bit of whalebone! Nothing that man has ever been able to make can equal it.

There is no blood, no nerves, no circulation and apparently no life in a full grown feather, yet it does not decompose; indeed, it is one of the hardest things in the world to destroy by any process of decomposition. It retains its resiliency and all its flexibility for years—all that is necessary is to keep it dry. It is finished all along the rib (or quill) with a hard, glossy enamel on the outside and this enamel keeps its polish as long as the feather lasts.

From an engineering standpoint or the standpoint of the mechanic or artisan, there is absolutely no suggestion of betterment to be made, for the feather is an exact, perfectly finished product. Its long central quill tapers from base to point with geometric precision, thereby giving perfect resistance to bending force and this is one of the combination of secrets that enables the bird to fly as easily as man can walk. Also this long quill is hollow, thereby all extra weight is done away with and added strength gained because of the tube construction; and to make it perfect from a mechanical standpoint, the under side of the quill is reinforced by a double-rolled thickening of the shell of the quill itself so that strains are equalized.

This long quill is also curved slightly, to meet air resistance again and overcome it when the whole tail is spread, fan-like, to suddenly alter a direction or check speed in flight.

The long, soft side masses are formed of a multitude of tiny feathers, each one perfectly equipped, perfectly made, mechanically and geometrically without fault. Each of these tiny side feathers has its own midrib that tapers from base to tip and each of these midribs carries its own equipment of side "hairs" so beautifully constructed that it locks automatically into the one on each side of it in such a way that it makes a solid yet flexible mass of the whole surface, against which the air flows as the bird flies.

If these side feathers be split apart they will come back into place so exactly that the split cannot be detected. Nothing else in nature repairs itself with such precision. Many things, for instance the claw leg of the crawfish, will replace itself exactly when destroyed, but the feather alone *repairs* its own breaks precisely and automatically.

Taken as a whole, the feather is one of the most perfect products of nature because the material used is the one best thing throughout, the engineering principles involved are without fault, the mathematical plan is precise, the construction is perfect, the coloring and artistry are flawless, and there is not one single point about it that can be constructively criticized.

This short article can only hint at the wonderful things one may find in a single feather, and it is something well worth, not an hour, but weeks or months of the most painstaking and careful study, for it covers an amazing field.

Last but not least, the secret of safe and easy navigation of the air will eventually be found, not in the whole wing but in the single wing feather and its individual muscular control in the wing of a soaring bird like the vulture.

### TO THE GROSBEAK

By HARRIET IVES

Found in a Southern doorway, with many dead birds, driven in lifeless by a wild storm.

What withering wind has come within the night,

To scathe the body in its passing o'er;  
To mar with tragic grief thy Southern flight,  
And leave thee, lifeless, thrown upon my door?

Some distant clime has claimed thy life and song,

Thy vibrant thrill from out the morning skies;

Neath far-off suns thy plumage gay belongs,  
Where once these little wings found upward rise.

Though now thy feet like broken brown twigs rest,

For spring-time winds but brought thee to destroy;

Still glows the crimson of thy burning breast,  
Those tiny bits of broken-hearted joy.

### OWLS IN THE TRENCHES

**T**HE following extract is from a letter from an English officer at the front, quoted in the *London Times*: "When I was up in the trenches recently I saw numerous owls. They used to flap about among the trenches at night, quite regardless of shells and snipers, getting a fine harvest of rats and mice, with which the trenches literally swarm. They were the big brown owls. They always disappeared two hours before dawn. I never could make out where to, but I suppose to woods behind the lines."

### A WORD FOR THE SPARROW

**T**HERE is probably no bird regarded as more of a pest than the little sparrow. Yet balance the little sparrow's account with what is to his credit. A scientist in Iowa by test after test found that in winter time the sparrow ate about a quarter of an ounce of weed seed a day. Then he counted the number of sparrows ordinarily seen in the winter to the square mile. He put the number at ten. I think that is away below the average. Try it yourself wherever you live. But on the basis of ten birds to the square mile, he figured that the sparrows must eat, in the state of Iowa alone, eight hundred and seventy tons of weeds a winter. I would not like to have to figure out how many acres of good land these weeds would have contaminated.—*Outing*.



## A Humming-Bird at Home *by ROBERT B. ROCKWELL*

**T**HE daintiest jewel in nature's crown" is the charming characterization someone has given the humming-bird. Smallest, daintiest, swiftest and most brilliantly colored of all the birds, this tiny sprite seems more like a spirit than a bird. A tiny musical trill, a flash of brilliant metallic green or crimson, a low subdued hum and he is almost within arm's length, rapidly, nervously, daintily sipping a bit of honey from this flower or from that. Another flash of color, another little trill, and he is away over the tree-tops almost before the eye can follow him.

The well-wooded mountain streams of western America are among his chosen homes, and here among the pines or alders he and his tiny mate build their wonderful little nests. Neatly saddled on a horizontal twig or branch, nearly always over running water and wonderfully covered with lichens and moss, they blend remarkably with their surroundings, and it is often only

through the solicitude of the parent for her treasures that the nests are located.

The nests are charmingly lined with softest vegetable down, and the two tiny eggs closely resemble two white navy beans. The young, when first hatched, are tiny bare pink little creatures and remind one of big pink bugs. They grow quite rapidly and remain in the nest until they are fully grown. Peculiarly enough they fly directly from the nest. Apparently no lessons in flying are taken from the parents as is the case with most birds.

The parent birds are remarkably devoted to their young and exhibit little or no fear of the human intruder when the nest is being disturbed. The eggs are laid in June or July; the young are fully grown by late summer, and as soon as the first chill nights come, father and mother humming-bird and the little ones speed away south to their winter home in the tropics.



## Our Dumb Animals

Founded by Geo. T. Angell in 1868

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**FOR TERMS** see last pages, where our report of all remittances is published each month.

**AGENTS** to take orders for *Our Dumb Animals* are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

**EDITORS** of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

**MANUSCRIPTS** relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited, and authors are invited to correspond with the EDITOR, 180 Longwood Avenue, Fenway Station, Boston. We do not wish to consider manuscripts over 1200 words in length.

### THE WINTER AND THE HORSES

We do not remember so hard a winter on the horses of Boston as this last one has been. From reports this is true of many other cities. The continued storms have not only worn the horses out and reduced them in flesh, but now that the winter seems over one of the consequences of such a season is becoming strikingly apparent. The snow and the slush mixed on the car tracks with dirt and salt, have brought about a condition that, when some slight injury to the foot has occurred, has resulted in an infection of the foot that has meant the loss of a large number of horses. The flesh sloughs off to an alarming degree and the suffering is severe. We have had fifteen cases of this infection in the Hospital at once, the majority of them otherwise in very fair shape. Team owners find themselves entering upon the spring much discouraged and with their horses in bad condition. Could the poor animals speak, we are sure they would utter the prayer: "From such another winter on the pavements of the modern city, Good Lord, deliver us!" F. H. R.

### VIVISECTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

If the reports are true concerning conditions in New York State, vivisection in the public schools of that commonwealth can be practised to almost any degree. Dr. Henry Frank of New York City is quoted as saying before the Senate Judiciary Committee that the cutting of living animals "goes on in the presence of the children" and that "the experiments on animals in the schools are attended with great brutalities in the name of science."

We cannot understand how anyone, even the most ardent vivisectionist, can be in sympathy with any educational methods which permit young children to stain their hands in blood or thrust them among the vital organs of sentient creatures. We have had too much of that sort of thing put forward under the heading "scientific education." There are many things our school children better not know at all than learn at the expense of a training that dulls every finer, better sense. This is the Massachusetts law obtained years ago by Mr. Angell:

No person shall, in the presence of a pupil in any public school or of a minor there present, practise vivisection, or exhibit an animal which has been vivisected. Dissection of dead animals or of any portions thereof in the public schools shall be confined to the class room and to the presence of pupils engaged in the study to be illustrated thereby and shall in no case be for the purpose of exhibition. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars. F. H. R.

### DOCTORS

Doctors from time immemorial have had to take their full share of more or less good-natured pleasantries flung at them by friends and foes; and they have taken it with little or no resentment. When it comes, however, to denouncing the profession as a whole, in language inspired either by prejudice or personal animosity, it is quite fitting that someone should utter the protest that the profession itself might be loath to make. We do not hesitate to say, speaking out of an experience that has particularly qualified us to know the facts, that probably there is no class of men rendering the world a more generous and unselfish service. Just as in the ministry and the law there are men who are wholly unworthy of confidence and whose goal is gain, so there are such men in medicine. But they are the exception. Few but those brought up in a physician's family know the days and nights of exacting and exhausting toil the ordinary practitioner gives, over and over again, without hope or possibility of compensation. Who stops to reckon up the wealth of comfort and cheer brought into unnumbered homes by this minister to bodies and minds diseased? It is quite too common to make the doctor the object of biting satire, sometimes of ridicule, and to charge him with seeking only his fee. When the rest of the world averages up to our doctors in character and in the service rendered their fellows we shall be nearer the millennium than at present. F. H. R.

Are you preparing for "Be Kind to Animals" Week, May 15-20, "Humane Sunday," May 21?

### POPULARITY

We have no doubt *Our Dumb Animals* would be just now much more popular in many quarters if it had kept silent with regard to the present agitation in behalf of preparedness. It is always pleasanter to sail with the current than against it. The day closes with more peace of mind and contentment after reading some letter of appreciation than a letter of criticism and denunciation. To lose the good will and the contributions of former supporters because you have refused to stifle your deepest convictions upon what are to you vital questions deeply related to the work you represent, and involving the highest public welfare, is not an experience that any man enjoys. Alas that with so many the only condition of the *entente cordiale* is to subscribe to the same creed, now in politics and now in religion. F. H. R.

### EXECUTING YOUR OWN WILL

Each of our two Societies will receive gifts, large or small, entering into a written obligation binding the Society safely to invest the same and to pay to the donor for life a reasonable rate of interest, or an annuity for an amount agreed upon. The rate of interest or amount of the annuity will necessarily depend upon the age of the donor.

The wide financial experience and high standing of the trustees to whom are entrusted the care and management of our invested funds are a guaranty of the security of such an investment. Persons of comparatively small means may by this arrangement obtain a better income for life than can be had with equal safety by the usual methods of investment, while avoiding the risks and waste of a will contest, and ultimately promoting the cause of the dumb animals.

The Societies solicit correspondence upon this subject and will be glad to furnish all further details.

### ANNUAL CONVENTION AT CINCINNATI

The fortieth annual meeting of the American Humane Association will be held at Cincinnati, Monday, October 16, to Thursday, October 19, 1916. Among the special features will be an observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of humane work in this country, as in 1866 Henry Bergh organized in New York the first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the United States.

The Ohio Humane Society, one of the most prominent in the country, will be hosts to the Cincinnati convention, and Mr. Oscar A. Trounstein, secretary-treasurer of the Society, is already hard at work organizing committees and otherwise preparing for the entertainment of the delegates. The meeting is expected to be one of the most successful in the history of the Association.

### "DEHORNING WITNESSED"

Editor *Our Dumb Animals*:

An article under the above caption in the March number reminds me of a scene I witnessed some years since on a New Hampshire farm. Between twenty and thirty cows were dehorned at this time, the implement used being a huge pair of double-jointed shears made for the purpose. The animals were confined and the horns "sheared off" close to the head. As fast as they were operated upon they were turned into the yard, and the ground being covered with snow, the enclosure soon presented much the same appearance one would expect to see could he gaze upon one of the present day battlefields of Europe—streams of blood. The agony of those poor beasts was for a time intense.

The clipping of the ears of puppies is equally reprehensible and even less excusable. Occasionally we see a man whom we think might have "looked better" had a slice been taken off his ears when a baby, and the practice of clipping children's ears would be just as defensible. No doubt cattle minus horns are more quiet and easily managed, and it is a simple operation and not painful to stop the growth of horns when the animal is a young calf, but the time is ripe for the enactment of laws all over the land prohibiting the dehorning of cattle, the clipping of dogs' ears, the docking of horses' tails, or otherwise brutally maltreating dumb animals. C. A. M.

### HUMANE DAY IN SCHOOLS

As in former years, Humane Day was generally observed in the schools of Massachusetts on the third Tuesday in April. A new sixteen-page illustrated pamphlet of "Readings, Recitations, etc.," was distributed free to teachers by the American Humane Education Society. A sample copy of this pamphlet will be sent upon request. It is sold at \$2.00 per hundred copies.

### ADVERTISE DURING "BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK"

Merchants throughout the United States who deal in humane articles, such as harness, collars, blankets, nets, etc., for horses and dogs; and also pure foods for animals and birds, will do well to call attention to "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 15-20, in their advertisements in the daily papers, as such publicity will be beneficial both from a humane and a business standpoint.

The man who has come to be on intimate friendly terms with a worthy horse is a better neighbor and a better citizen thereby. No skill in the repair or operation of a motor car can take the place in human character-making that is filled by the willing daily service done to a high-class horse of responsive temper.

—Minneapolis Journal.



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### MONTHLY REPORT

Animals examined	3137
Number of prosecutions	34
Number of convictions	32
Horses taken from work	93
Horses humanely destroyed	65

### Stock-yards and Abattoirs

Animals examined	19,627
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely destroyed	31

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals acknowledges bequests of \$500 from Henry H. Butler of Boston, and \$500 from Hubert Daly of Boston. It has received gifts of \$100 from Mrs. Angelina Champlin, \$100 from Mrs. Ernest Howes, \$50 from Mrs. Mary K. Bolles, \$25 from Charles E. Riley, \$25 from Miss Elizabeth F. Kelly, \$20 from Miss Cora H. Clarke, and, for the Angell Memorial Hospital, \$20 from Miss Barbara Horton. It has also received \$4803.45 from "a friend."

The Society has been remembered in the wills of Miss Julia M. Fox of Arlington, Mrs. Sarah Nelson Carter of Andover, Miss Augusta M. Brown of Boston, and Miss Emily V. Lindsley of Poughkeepsie, New York.

The American Humane Education Society has received \$122.50 from "a friend," \$100 from Miss Mary Mitchell, \$72.34 from a co-worker for the distribution of humane literature, and \$52.09 from the South Bend (Indiana) Humane Society. Boston, April 11, 1916.

### THREE CONVICTED FOR DOCKING

March 31st our Society obtained another conviction for docking horses in Massachusetts. A well-known breeder of hackney-horses, his superintendent, and the veterinarian who performed the operation, were all three found guilty of the violation of the law and sentenced to pay each a fine of one hundred dollars. The only excuse offered for the act was that the horses sold better, that the trade demanded that horses of this class be docked.

F. H. R.

### HOSPITAL REPORT FOR MARCH

Cases entered	247
Dogs	116
Cats	42
Horses	89
Operations	71

### Free Dispensary

Cases	254
Dogs	157
Cats	75
Horses	19
Birds	1
Unclassified	2
Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, 1915	2330
Free Dispensary cases	3000
Total	5330

[Editorial in Boston Transcript, March 29, 1916.]

### THE PROGRESSING S. P. C. A.

Favorable report of another year's work of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reflects good light not on the society alone, but on the times in general. There has always been a remarkably close relationship between men's treatment of animals and their treatment of each other, their deportment as a whole. If men are blind to the appealing qualities of animals, their possibilities of faithfulness in response to good treatment, they will likewise be blind to similar qualities in the human beings around them and have no interest in developing them.

The investigation and realization of the fundamental similarity between human nature and animal nature are quite recent developments. Practically all of the present generation of adults was rigidly trained in the schools to think of men and animals as forever separated by the fact that the human beings were creatures of reason while animals were creatures of instinct. In fact, many teachers held this definition as entirely adequate statement of the sum total of all their differences. It embodied, none the less, a fallacy which the social psychologists of today have done much to expose. Such men as MacDougal in Scotland and Professor Hocking of Harvard have shown man quite as much the creature of instinct as are the animals, but fortunately possessed of a stronger instinct to the restraint and balance of his conduct—the instinct to thought, as Graham Wallas calls it—than the animals possess. This departure from mere condescension toward animals and this progress toward a more frank and truthful study of the mainsprings of human conduct are exerting a real influence on human thought and deportment. The more it reflects itself in support of the Massachusetts Society's work and in the spread of humane treatment of animals, the more honor to the times as a whole.

### FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION

To those who will use them we will send free cards, about the size of a postal, reading as follows:

#### To the Lady of the House:

Please order all your supplies for the day in one order early in the morning. One daily trip to your door—should it not be enough? Two trips wear me out twice as fast.

Telephoning in an extra order doubles the work for the sales-clerk and book-keeper as well as for the driver and horse. This adds to the cost of all you buy.

Hurry-up orders mean the whip for me.

Please think of those who serve you, both people and horses.

Your obedient servant,

The Delivery Horse.

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The Society placed this as a paid advertisement in all the Boston dailies.

### A FRIEND OF HORSES

In relating some of her childhood experiences with horses, in an address before the Worcester Branch of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., Miss Catherine Olney of Worcester and Leicester, an accomplished horsewoman, said: "I regularly looked forward to *Our Dumb Animals*, and the beautiful stories were read to me; and what an impression they would leave on my child mind! My one desire was that boys and girls might know about my horse. As I look back on my childhood, I realize that fear of the horse never entered my head; he was my friend, and if I was kind to him he would be kind to me."

### THE VACATION HOME

Our Gift Shop, where plans are being worked out for raising the Fund with which to maintain the Vacation Home for all Animals;

Our Gift Shop, which displays the motto that denotes its mission, in bright letters of red and white, viz.:—"Be Kind to Animals";

Our Gift Shop, located at 386 Washington Street, Brookline, in that old-fashioned house with curious and attractive interior of a by-gone day, commingled with twentieth century comforts, has become a permanency and has been quietly settling into a "here-to-stay" pace, receiving generous contributions, which are useful and salable and attractive.

We are deeply grateful to those who have so whole-heartedly entered into the

#### Vacation Home spirit,

emphasizing, that animals are loved by many people, in many lands.

That many avenues may bring forth fruit, these mail-order articles are now ready for Parcel Post delivery:

The KRINKLET cookie or tea cake maker, with recipes—\$1.25. Make your own cakes, for at homes and afternoon teas. They are delicious, fresh, and crispy.

A tiny KITCHEN REEL with thirty feet of line; convenient at all times; rolls into three inches of wall space; wholly out of the way; always clean; always ready,—25 cents.

Society's popular oddity—the VACU-VAS—a tube-like vase, held to mirror, window, drinking glass or picture, by strong suction cups, varying in price from twenty-five cents to five dollars, and in size from three to thirteen inches.

Mrs. Warner has arranged with the publishers, to receive subscriptions for *The Craftsman*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Harper's Bazar*, *Cosmopolitan*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, *The Ladies' Home Journal*, *The Country Gentleman* and *Our Dumb Animals*. When subscribing, remember the Gift Shop.

There is to be an Easter sale when special attention will be given to cards suited to the season, in addition to the attractions of these many up-to-date novelties. Visit the Gift Shop who live near and can do so.

The Mile o' Dimes,—that too, is growing.

All dollars earned, or contributed, mean so much nearer is that HOME for the purchase and possession of which all these efforts are being made.

Open thy mouth for the ones that are dumb—  
 Open thy heart for the weary friend—

Open thy purse, that soon rest may come  
 At Vacation Home, where the work-days end.

Address, Mrs. Estelle Tyler Warner, 386 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, about all matters set forth above, or Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

### "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" WEEK

Remember the humane cause that appeals to you with an extra contribution during "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" WEEK. The American Humane Education Society, The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, The Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, the "Be Kind to Animals" Vacation Home, ALL NEED YOUR SUPPORT. Small or large gifts will be gratefully and appreciatively received. "Speak (AND GIVE) for those that cannot speak for themselves," but who daily give of their strength and life for you.



## American Humane Education Society



Founded by Geo. T. Angell. Incorporated March, 1889

For rates of membership in both of our Societies and for prices of literature, see back pages. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston.

### MOVING PICTURES AND VIVISECTION

Now that the moving picture has been called into service for demonstrating before medical students surgical operations, why, as we suggested two years ago, shall it not be utilized to reproduce, before students, a large number of the experiments of the laboratory? There must be, assuredly, many experiments which, carefully reproduced on a film, would serve their purpose quite as well as repeated year after year before new groups of students. Where the vivisection is sincere in his claim that he guards against all animal suffering up to the limit of his power, it would seem that he must call to his aid this modern invention. Since the animal would have to be in a state of profound anesthesia when the film was being used, the suffering would be reduced to the minimum. F.H.R.

### ARE MEN SO BASE?

The newspapers report that the London war office has issued an order to cavalry officers directing them to have all oats received from the United States carefully examined. It seems, if the report is to be believed, that in several consignments of oats shipped from this country little pieces of steel, shaped and colored like oats, were discovered. Outside of the danger to the horse from swallowing such pieces of metal is the element of fraudulent business in falsifying the weight. Is there any crime that may not be committed in the name of war? F.H.R.

### BIRD NOTES IN SCHOOL

Mr. E. W. Holmesley, educational secretary of the South Bend, Indiana, Humane Society, is effectively using the lantern slides of the American Humane Education Society in the schools of that city, in connection with the organization of Bands of Mercy. He writes: "I have a new idea which I carry out during a meeting of a Band of Mercy. Every school here has a victrola for school use, and I have purchased two bird records of our native birds similar to those I have of the slides, and I make use of the records with the slides when a special program is given."

### BACK NUMBERS FOR DISTRIBUTION

Persons wishing *Our Dumb Animals* for gratuitous distribution only, by sending us five cents to pay postage will receive five copies.

Tommy.—"Talking of riddles, uncle, do you know the difference between an apple and an elephant?"

Uncle (benignly).—"No, my lad, I don't."

Tommy.—"You'd be a smart chap to send out to buy apples, wouldn't you?"

### DOES THE BAND OF MERCY PAY?

Away up in Edmonton, Alberta, the boys and girls in the public schools have become enthusiastic over the Band of Mercy, as is well proved by this experience, related in the *Journal* of that city by the woman who is in charge of this work:

Returning from visiting a school one cold day a little boy about ten or eleven years old came along not any too warmly clad, but with a happy, contented face. "You are going home early," I remarked as we walked along. "Oh, yes," he said, "Mother has more washing to do and I am going home to mind the baby."

I remarked how nice it was for him to be a help to his mother and that if he attended school regularly and studied hard when he grew big he could earn money so that his mother would not have to work so hard. He then informed me that he wanted to be a soldier.

"Have you joined the Band of Mercy yet?" I then inquired. "Oh, yes," he answered, and then repeated the pledge and also told me that he had a button (or badge) but it was on his best coat. "Do you think learning that pledge helps boys and girls to be more kind to animals," I then asked.

"Oh, yes, mam, I tell you my chum Bill what lives next door to us was great on fighting roosters—Sam, his gray rooster, could lick any bird in this town. I have two dandy ones, too, and we used to go out behind the hen house, and the way them birds fought was terrible; well Bill he came over the other night and said Sam was in great shape for a fight and would I go. I said, 'no my birds didn't want to scrap just then,' so a few days after he came again for me, but I just up and said that since I joined that Band of Mercy and promised to be kind to everything I didn't seem to like fighting like I did before. He laughed and called me a girl, but all the same he knows I'm right, and he is better to his dog than before; and another kid—I know is better to his cat and her kittens than before. I tell you misses you're doing more good than you know," were his parting words as he turned into his humble home, and I forgot that it was a cold day or that I had ever felt discouraged after the eloquent testimony of that little boy.

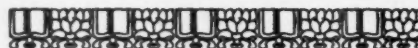
### THE CHILD AND HIS PET

It is possible for a child to learn to value animals as his treasured playfellows from his earliest years. This need not necessarily mean that he should be encouraged to keep all kinds of pets. Most households, it is true, can boast of a cat or a dog, but these animals have been so long the friend of man, and have become so dependent upon him that the haunts of man seem their proper sphere. But in many cases, where the animal has known no limit to its home beyond that imposed by its own powers of motion, no roof except the boundless sky, and no restraint except its own impulses, it is only cruelty to fetter its liberty, even though it should be tended with the utmost care. Most wild animals avoid man, in all except almost inaccessible districts. They regard him as their enemy, ever ready to slay or to maim. No doubt this is, in many instances, an inherited instinct; in many others it is the result of a personal experience that the near approach of man is usually the herald of a kick, a blow, or a shot.

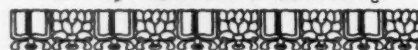
If you are only attached to your own country-men, why, all men are thus attached to their own, and hence wars arise. TOLSTOI.

With nations, as with individuals, the weapons of defense become too readily the weapons of offense. —San Francisco Chronicle.

Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won. WELLINGTON.



### In the Editor's Library



DOG STARS, Mrs. T. P. O'Connor.

Three luminaries in the dog world are the chief characters in this volume of true and heart-touching stories. They are the devoted, intelligent, genial companions of the author, who has delighted a host of discriminating novel-readers by her former books.

Mrs. O'Connor's dogs are perhaps rare specimens. Her intimate and studious association with them not only proves her fondness for them, but also enables her to discover and disclose in canine nature far more than the average dog fancier or admirer ever suspected. She sees in them oftentimes more sense and reason, more wit and humor, more faithfulness and gratitude, than many human beings possess.

To the lovers of dogs these stories and anecdotes will come as a treat; they are nearly on a par with those remarkable deeds of that famous Highland terrier, "Greyfriars Bobby." Five handsome colored illustrations by Will Rannells feature the author's knowing dumb friends in realistic pose.

278 pp. \$1.50 net. George H. Doran Company, New York.

THE ADVENTURES OF BUSTER BEAR. Thornton W. Burgess.

The Bedtime Story-books which have proved a source of delight to so many children, now number a dozen by the addition of this and the following volume. The doings of Buster Bear and his numerous neighbors of the Green Forest are such as to tickle the childish fancy. Droll performances, playful pranks, serious as well as comical situations, enter into the lives of these interesting wood-folk and all their ways and habits and sayings are interpreted cleverly, and set down by a master hand.

120 pp. 50 cents net. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

THE ADVENTURES OF OLD MR. TOAD. Thornton W. Burgess.

Another merry member of the Green Meadow Folk is Mr. Toad.

"a jolly good fellow!

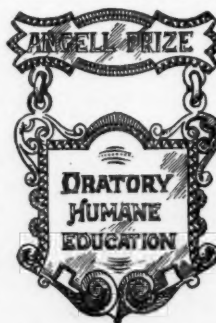
Whose temper is sweet, disposition is mellow!"

There are so many wonderful things to be told about this highly respected individual that the latest volume will most likely strike one as being the best of the series. It will be a treat for all former readers. In both books are the usual illustrations, so full of meaning, by Harrison Cady.

120 pp. 50 cents net. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

### ANGELL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTESTS

A splendid way to raise money in schools, churches, Sunday-schools, or elsewhere. We offer beautiful sterling silver medals at cost, \$1.75, by registered mail. This cut shows the size and face inscriptions. On the back is engraved "The American Humane Education Society."

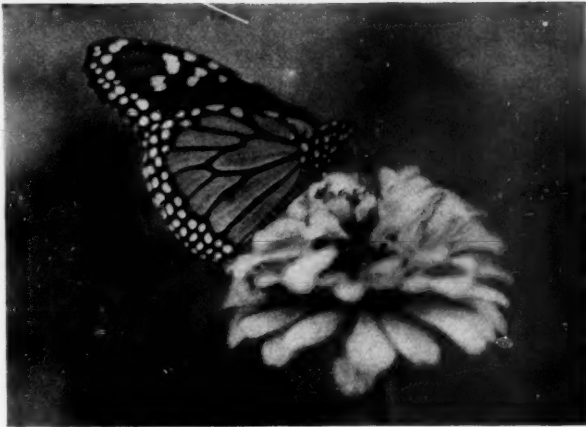


Every war is a national calamity whether victorious or not. GEN. VON MOLTKE.

Our American Humane Education Society sends this paper this month to the editors of twenty-five thousand newspapers and magazines.

Teachers can have *Our Dumb Animals* one year for forty cents.





### THE BUTTERFLY

By HELEN M. RICHARDSON

*From flower to flower I idly fly,  
A happy, care-free butterfly.  
I have been taught no other way  
To pass a pleasant summer day.  
But, though no work I find to do,  
I make a charming sight for you.  
My spotted wings in airy flight  
Are both a pleasure and delight.  
And, though I know not how to work,  
I never have been called a shirk.  
Since being happy in God's way  
Is what I do from day to day,  
That is my duty — just to be  
The happy butterfly you see.*

### KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

An Address to Children by REV. JOSEPH PEARCE

**I** GAVE a promise some weeks ago to speak to you this morning on kindness to animals. I am keeping my promise not only because I thoroughly believe in the great and good work done by the Society which desired me thus to speak, but because I want all our boys and girls to belong to that goodly and ever-growing company who are concerned to put down all forms of cruelty to God's dumb creatures, and to promote that kindly treatment of them that God approves. I am going to give you several reasons why we should be kind to animals.

*In the first place, we should be kind because unkindness even to dumb creatures has an evil effect upon ourselves.* I never like to see a boy or a girl ill-treat the lowliest creature, because I know that the habit of cruelty once formed will grow, and those who begin by being cruel to the animal tribe will finish by being cruel to the tribe of human flesh and blood. Who has not heard the dark story of Nero, the Roman Emperor, who found fiendish pleasure in flinging Christian men and women to the lions? Now, in all probability that would never have been had not Nero, when a youth, been given to torturing dogs and cats. You see, brutality in the one instance paved the way and prepared him for brutality in the other. Yes, cruelty hardens and degrades those who practise it.

*In the second place, we should be kind to animals because kindness, even to the frailest, has a good effect upon us.* I was reading, a while ago, the story of a wicked man, a Dartmoor

convict, who spent forty years in prison, and who was so hard, revengeful and disobedient, that he was the terror and despair of his warders. All their efforts to do him good were met by cold contempt and wicked outbreaks, and they came to believe he was past redemption. But one day a little mouse found its way into his cell, weak, terrified and hunted, like himself. Now what do you think the man did? No—he did not kill it, but instead became its friend and protector. He put it into an old boot that happened to be in the cell, and, when served with his own meals, gave something to his little captive, and, day by day, he fed and fondled and loved it, with this result—the scowl died out of his face, the gruffness out of his speech, and the anger out of his heart—indeed, his features became transformed, his once dark countenance began to light up with smiles. The warders could not make it out—here was the worst man in prison wonderfully changed for the better, and the secret was only discovered when the man left the prison, taking boot and mouse with him. Now, wasn't that fine? You see, kindness to a little mouse converted a bad character into a good one. Yes, and the rule always holds. When I see young girls fondling kittens and puppies and birds, I know that later in life they will be good to the babies they have to nurse.

*But, thirdly, we ought to be kind to animals because such kindness makes us like God.* Is God kind to animals? Certainly. Why, even a sparrow cannot fall to the ground unnoticed by Him. There are two Old Testament stories which illustrate God's kindness. In the story of the flood, God told Noah to take into the ark beasts, clean and unclean, and the fowls of the air; and in the story of Nineveh, God told a sulky prophet that He had in that city not only many souls, but *much cattle*, and for that reason gladly ought he to have gone there when told to go. God's mindfulness of the cattle was the outcome of God's kindness. So, we are like our Heavenly Father when we are kind. This truth is touchingly taught in a legend which relates that a calf, which was about to be sacrificed in the Temple ran to an old rabbi, and thrust its head between his knees, as if to ask to be spared. But the rabbi heartlessly pushed the calf away, and so it was slain. The angels, looking down, said:—"The rabbi is pitiless, let him suffer"; and he was smitten with sickness. Some time later, a servant of his, in cleaning out a room, found a family of kittens, and was about to destroy them, when the rabbi cried:—"Let them alone, disturb them not, for it is written, 'His tender mercies are over all His works.'" The angels, again looking on, found he had learned pity, and said: "Let his sufferings cease," and at once his affliction was healed. I am sure you will not miss the lesson of the legend. God and His angels practise, appreciate and reward kindness to animals.



PRACTISING KINDNESS

## FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

For the Year Ending March 1, 1916

## I.

## The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



GETTING HIM READY FOR THE OPERATING TABLE



OPERATING ROOM FOR SMALL ANIMALS

**T**HE year ending March 1, 1916, has been one of the most eventful in the history of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. February 25, 1915, occurred the dedicatory services of the Society's new building, the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, which is now also the headquarters of the two Societies founded by George Thorndike Angell. March the first, following the dedication, the Hospital was opened. The detailed statement of its beneficent work will be found in a separate annual report, and a summary of it appears elsewhere in this issue.

**The Hospital**

The need of such an institution became evident at once by the demands made upon it. It has greatly exceeded our expectations in the work accomplished and the patronage given it. We believed, while the building was in process of construction, that we were providing generously for the future; that in time all our available space would be required. Twice, already, within the first year we have been compelled to refuse patients, unless they were emergency cases, because of the overcrowded condition of the wards. This has been true not only with respect to the small animals, but equally true in the case of the wards for horses. With accommodations planned conveniently to care for thirty-two horses, we have had to provide at times for forty, and even more. New equipment for small animals has been twice purchased to meet the demands, and rooms designed for other purposes have been repeatedly turned into hospital wards.

Harvard Medical School has been kind enough more than once to give us the services of some of its best professors in the diagnosis of puzzling cases, and in microscopical examinations that required more delicate apparatus than we possess at present. The Peter Bent Brigham Hospital has also been very kind in the assistance given us through the use of its X-Ray machine.

**Free Service**

The aim of the Hospital management has been to render as large an amount of free service as circumstances would permit. As in human hos-

pitals those well able to help pay for the care and treatment of patients have been asked to do so, yet no poor man has ever been turned away because he could make no financial return, and the receipts, month by month, show that from thirty to fifty per cent. of the service has been without compensation of any kind. The charges, after all, even if every case were paid for in full, would not begin to cover the expenses of maintaining the Hospital. It is only because friends of the Society made possible the building, equipped it, continue to support it by their contributions, and because the officers of the Society, at no additional cost, look after its entire management, that it is able to carry on its work. The receipts from those able to pay for services, and glad to pay, by so much reduce the expense for which the Society must continually provide.

Much is said today about coordination and consolidation in business enterprises to avoid unnecessary expense. Here is a striking illustration of this principle. Two large Societies and a Hospital, all under the same roof, and all with the same executive direction. The addition of the Hospital and its work to the activities of the two organizations has involved no increase in cost so far as management is concerned. The same officers and offices serve all three, while the charges for heat, light and power are annually less, by more than a thousand dollars, than the amount formerly paid for rent.

**Educational Value of Building**

Nothing that the Society has ever done has been more effective in bringing it before the public and winning it friends than the erection of this memorial to its founder. At last we have a visible symbol of a part at least, of the things for which the two organizations stand. Thousands of visitors have passed through the building during the year, men and women and hosts of school children, many of them from other States, some from foreign lands—all made conscious as never before of the magnitude and dignity of the humane movement, and impressed with its need and value. In innumerable cases visitors have said, "This is a revelation to us. We knew these

societies existed, but never imagined their work was so important and so wide-reaching." Not a few of these have become members of the organizations, left or sent us generous contributions, and brought their friends back with them to do likewise.

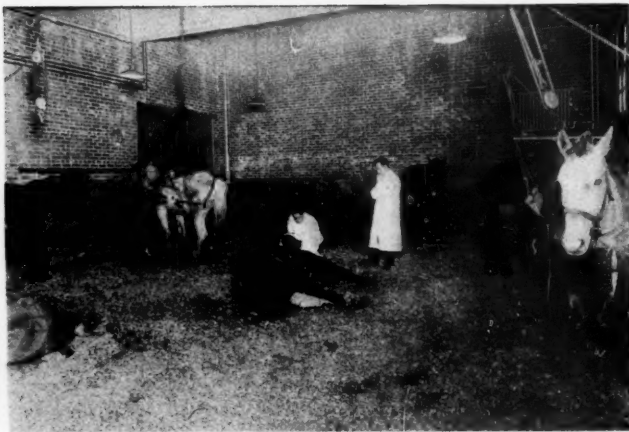
We are still soliciting gifts to aid in paying for the building. We must have at least a hundred thousand dollars more before this task will be completed. How could any lover of animals better perpetuate his or her name and link it forever to a great cause than by a gift which would provide this amount? For such a gift we would gladly couple the name of the giver with the Hospital, so that it should be known as "The Angell Memorial Animal Hospital on the ——— Foundation."

We gratefully acknowledge the many gifts that have been made, particularly to add to the equipment of the building and the Hospital, and to meet special necessities—the insurance of the building for a period of five years, a splendid span of horses for our trucking and emergency ambulance work, all the copper wire screens for our windows, a dental machine, various electrical devices, an electric blanket, clocks and furniture, blankets, etc.

**The New Ambulance**

This, the latest thing in mechanical construction for the transportation of sick and injured horses, is the gift of one of our Directors, our generous friend, Mrs. David Nevins. It is a Garford chassis attached to a trailer which is equipped with every modern appliance for handling disabled horses. The trailer and all but the chassis are from the workshops of the Monahan Vehicle Company of Providence, one of the finest and oldest factories of its kind in the country. No expense was spared in making it in every respect the product of the best skill and workmanship. The need for it was so great that, but for the thoughtfulness and generosity of the giver, the Society would have been obliged to order one at its own expense. The electric, now in use for nearly five years, and the old horse-drawn ambulance, have both repeatedly





LARGE EMERGENCY WARD HEAVILY BEDDED WITH SHAVINGS

been out answering calls when a third call has come. We have been seriously handicapped, therefore, at times in meeting emergencies. Furthermore, our electric ambulance is limited in its mileage, and long-distance runs have been impossible. With the new gasoline car we are not only able to meet our present demands for Greater Boston, but to send for horses to almost any point from which a request may come. Our gratitude to Mrs. Nevins is greater than we can easily express.

#### The Work of the Agents

Nothing is more vital to the influence of the Society for good than the work of its agents. It has been our policy to enlarge the force as fast as the means at hand made it possible. Since 1910 the number of agents has been increased sixty per cent., and during the past year an agent has been appointed, on full pay, for Berkshire county, so relieving the agent formerly responsible for the three western counties of Berkshire, Hampden and Hampshire. An assistant has been provided for this latter agent with headquarters at Springfield, and one for the agent in charge of Worcester and Franklin counties. Arrangements have also been made with several local agents throughout the State for special services, for which they are compensated. We hope the day is not far distant when we can add materially to our force of agents, both in Boston and throughout the State. It will be done as fast as the treasury warrants it. In the statistical report of the chief agent will be found some evidence of the faithful services rendered by these representatives of the Society, who know nothing of days limited by any given number of hours of work, but who through all hours of day and night are responding to the calls made upon them.

The visiting of stock-yards and abattoirs has gone on as usual. The rescue of worn-out and unfit horses and the humane destruction of these unfortunate victims of man's inhumanity have been unremitting. Since the last report 1773 old, crippled, unserviceable horses have been put painlessly to sleep by the Society's agents. In addition to other duties, this past year, has been the inspection of the conditions under

which thousands of horses have been received and shipped abroad for purposes of war. Pitiful as is the fate of these poor horses, often on the ocean voyage, and at last in actual service, the handling of them before shipment has been as humane as one could reasonably expect. The value of them to their purchasers has been too great from an economic point of view to permit any such ill-treatment of them as constant watchfulness could prevent. At the best, however, their lot has been a hard one. No protest against the traffic in them for this purpose has been of avail with the Government. They have simply been ranked with guns and shells and other munitions of war. Alas, that these creatures, innocent of any part in man's bitter feuds, should have to share in the unspeakable sufferings these feuds entail!



THE SOCIETY HUMANELY DESTROYED 1773 SUCH OLD AND WORN-OUT HORSES LAST YEAR

#### Some of the Things Done

Among the multitude of services rendered by the Society during the year just ended, some of them a part of each year's work, and some of them new, are the watering of more than 250,000 horses through the summer months, the sending out through the State many thousands of cards, for posting in public places, relative to the law protecting our song and insectivorous birds, the crating of poultry, the abandoning of cats, the trapping of fur-bearing animals, the abuses in the method of slaughter, and asking for special consideration for delivery horses during the Christmas season. The observance of Humane Horse Day was furthered by correspondence and the distribution of the Horse Day Button. Nowhere was more made of this than by the Worcester Branch under the presidency of Mrs. Charles Francis Darling, whose activity in humane work has made this Branch a vigorous force for good in that growing city. Signs have been erected at various places

requesting teamsters to avoid certain hard grades, medals have been awarded in a number of cases for deeds of exceptional bravery in rescuing animals, and chain and carpet shoes have been distributed at a score of places for the free use of the public. Cards have been issued to drivers on the care and treatment of horses both in summer and winter, and repeated conferences have been had with city and State officials where it seemed possible to secure aid in rendering streets and highways safer for horses.

The President of the Society has taken an active part in the work of the Massachusetts Protective Association for Horses, recently organized, and whose chief purpose is "Safe Roads for Horses." He urges upon every horse owner and horse lover in the State membership in this Association and hearty cooperation with it. Many addresses have been made in the interests of humane work and humane education, before schools, clubs, conventions and meetings of different kinds.

Mention may well be made of another successful prosecution for docking horses. So much secrecy is observed in this cruel and disreputable practice that it is only rarely the proper evidence can be obtained. The Society is still pressing before the Legislature its Bill for suitable protection of horses from fire in stables. Some day, if not now, this measure must prevail, for the growing humane sentiment of the public will imperatively demand it.

#### The Gift Shop

This new undertaking has been started by a devoted friend of the Society and of all animals, Mrs. Estelle Tyler Warner. Its goal is a Vacation Home for Horses and other Animals—a farm near enough to Boston to be available, and where not only patients from the Hospital may have a chance for recuperation, but where rest and care may be possible for many a tired and overworked horse. Mrs. Warner desires, and should receive, the hearty assistance of all friends of the Society and the Hospital. Her own services are given gratuitously and with no thought of compensation.

The Society acknowledges with sincerest gratitude the support, encouragement and good will given it another year by that splendid body of men and women and children who have made all its work possible, and to the press for its invaluable assistance.

Once more we would call attention to the unjust and misleading statement so often made, that we are "a rich Society," that when we need money all we have to do "is to draw it out of the treasury." So large a part of our invested funds has been given us with the proviso that only the income should be used, that not more than twenty-five per cent. of our annual expenses can be met from this source. Annually we must depend upon membership gifts, solicited contributions, and legacies, for three-quarters of the money we put into our work. This constant, unremitting solicitation of funds is the most exacting and unpleasant part of the tasks devolving upon us.



OUR OWN WORK-HORSES



## II.

## The American Humane Education Society

**T**HE twenty-seventh year of the American Humane Education Society closes with a record of activities and accomplishments far beyond those of earlier days. The opportunity has been wider, and it has been eagerly seized, the only limitation being the restricted resources of the organization. An immediate endowment of one million dollars would afford an income to this Society which would not exceed the actual expenses demanded of it, if only the present open doors of usefulness were entered. Humane education was never receiving the attention it is today; anti-cruelty societies everywhere, especially in this country, are just awakening to its supreme importance.

**Fourteen Field Workers**

Fourteen workers, nearly all of them for full time, have been engaged during the last year in carrying humane education under our auspices into every corner of the United States. In Massachusetts the public schools have been visited by Miss Ella A. Maryott, who has formed a very large number of Bands of Mercy in Haverhill, Fall River, Wareham, Onset, Marion, North Adams, Adams, Williamstown, Lee, and Great Barrington, after having finished her tour of all the public schools in the city of Boston. The last mentioned task, begun two years ago, resulted in visits to 1544 school-rooms where approximately 75,000 children of grammar grades were reached. Miss Louise H. Guyol has systematically organized the public schools of Revere, in addition to carrying on humane press work and giving many public addresses. She conducts a weekly department in the Boston Sunday Herald into which are woven, through attractive stories and verses, especially for young readers, many interesting facts about the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital.

**More Work Started in the South**

Of the four new field workers added to our list during the year, three are in the South, and the other has headquarters in Washington. James D. Burton has been a traveling missionary in the rural districts of Tennessee, visiting schools, Sunday-school associations, etc. He has placed thousands of pages of humane literature with public school teachers and Sunday-school superintendents, over hundreds of miles of scattered territory, delivering addresses and quickening humane sentiment where it was greatly needed. Rev. F. Rivers Barnwell, a colored minister in Fort Worth, Texas, has ably represented our cause among his people, enlisting the interest of children in Bands of Mercy and directing the thought of many adults to a more careful consideration of the treatment of animals.

Mrs. L. T. Weathersbee, of Savannah, has been very successful in her efforts in several States. During the summer she was at Ashville, North Carolina, from which point she reached a large number of clubs, societies, Sunday-schools, summer schools and various conventions, delivering addresses, interviewing humane workers, and circulating our publications. She organized a humane education committee in Norway, South Carolina, and obtained the endorsement of the Governor and the State Superintendent of Education for humane education to be taught in the public schools of South Carolina.

Miss Mary Harrold, an experienced Band of Mercy organizer of Washington, D. C., was engaged to visit schools in that vicinity, and has reported many Bands in Virginia and elsewhere. During the summer Mr. John Burke, a well

known educator, represented the Society in the mountain region of Kentucky, where he attended a series of teachers' institutes, made addresses and personally placed our literature in the hands of over 1000 teachers. He organized the teachers themselves into Bands of Mercy, and they in turn have been forming Bands among their pupils, thus securing a wide reading of our publications in these mountain schools.

**A Noted Lecturer**

Rev. Richard Carroll of South Carolina, characterized in a Texas newspaper as "one of the most noted evangelists and speakers of his race," continues to represent the Society among both his own people and white people as well. He has been in Texas, in Florida, and elsewhere, always drawing large crowds to hear his humane lecture. At the St. Augustine convention, the colored church where he spoke was filled to overflowing. Mrs. E. L. Dixon, who formerly was at Columbia, South Carolina, has removed to Richmond, Virginia, where she continues her faithful efforts to carry on humane education among the colored people, both adult and juvenile.

**In the Far West**

Mrs. Alice L. Park has been continuing the humane press bureau in the western States, from her home in Palo Alto, California; Mrs. Rachel C. Hogue, identified with the Humane Educational League, San Diego, California, has secured the enthusiastic cooperation of the school superintendent for work in the public schools of that city, has obtained two hundred subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals*, in addition to distributing special literature and making public addresses, and has carried on a large correspondence with public officials from the Governor down. Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols is instant in season and out of season in her campaigns of humane education in Idaho. She supplied many clergymen with material for sermons for "Humane Sunday," and addressed 400 members of the Idaho Congress of Mothers and Parent Teachers' Association and many other teachers and influential people in Boise and elsewhere. Thanks to her persistent efforts, the Idaho State Fair of 1915 was held without the gambling and wild-west stampedes of former years.

**Other Workers and Other Work**

Mrs. Virginia S. Mercer, of Ohio, has transferred temporarily her activities to Florida, where she continues to give humane readings and to awaken humane sentiment in every way possible. Miss Alice May Douglas has organized a large number of Bands of Mercy in Maine, and distributed our literature at teachers' institutes and to the 3000 delegates at the Maine State Grange in Portland.

Our publications have gone out all over the world in a variety of ways. The Humane Society of the City of Columbus, Ohio, at Christmas, circulated 1000 copies of our popular paper-covered "Humane Series" of books, including "Black Beauty." In Regina, Saskatchewan, a newly-organized S. P. C. A. put up "Be Kind to Animals" signs in many public buildings, and distributed quantities of humane literature throughout the Province with the cooperation of forty local organizations of Women Grain Growers.

During the winter copies of "Black Beauty" in Italian and in French were forwarded to those respective countries, for distribution by the Blue

Cross Society to convalescent soldiers at the front.

**Exhibits at California Fairs**

In addition to the exhibit of literature at the San Diego Exposition, mentioned in last year's report (and which is being continued under the direction of Mrs. Hogue and Mrs. H. C. Reynolds during the progress of the Fair), the Society installed a booth for the distribution and exhibition of literature in the Palace of Education at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco. This was in charge of Mrs. Park, assisted during the summer by Mrs. Mary S. Sage, well known in the East as a lecturer on humane subjects. Mrs. Sage delivered thirty-one stereopticon lectures on kindness to animals, before 5000 people in the Palace of Education; spoke at the San Francisco Orphanage and at the annual meeting of the S. P. C. A. in that city. Large quantities of literature, including copies of *Our Dumb Animals* and leaflets carefully selected to interest teachers in humane education, were freely distributed at the Society's booth.

**Humane Calendars**

The Humane Calendar for 1916 was published by the Society early in December, special editions being furnished to several local organizations and a large edition for the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The regular edition, besides being sold at cost to those wishing copies, has been distributed generously to public schools in Massachusetts, especially to those where Bands of Mercy have been formed by our organizers.

**Ever-Increasing List of Publications**

Our list of advertised publications is constantly increasing, several valuable additions having been made during the year. Among them are the four-page leaflets, "Children in Humane Work" and "Two Horses I Have Known," and the two-page leaflet, "Only a Cat," all by Mary Craige Yarrow; a four-page leaflet, "Sermon on Humanity," for special use by ministers for "Humane Sunday"; a two-page leaflet, "The Folly of the Blinder," and a post card, "The Proud Mother," in behalf of horses. A new edition of "The Humane Idea" was recently brought out in paper covers, to meet the demand for an inexpensive handbook to be sent out in response to calls for suitable material for use in connection with the "Be Kind to Animals Week" and "Humane Sunday" observances. Printed novelties, such as the "Be Kind to Animals" book-mark, and an original design reproduced in a book-plate for children, have found favor among our constituents, while a new edition of the holiday humane stamp was required to meet the demand for that popular method of spreading the "Be Kind to Animals" idea.

**Literature for Indian Schools**

In November the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington authorized the President of the American Humane Education Society to say that the work of the Society has his approval and that he would be glad to have the Indian schools cooperate in the efforts for humane treatment of the animal world. As a result we have forwarded literature to the various Indian schools in Pennsylvania, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. In addition, pictures for lantern slides, with reading matter to accompany them, were sent for use in these schools.

### Letter to School Teachers

The form letter, intended for school superintendents to send to their teachers to interest them in humane education, has been widely circulated in additional States through correspondence with the superintendents who were asked to notify this office as to how many such letters they could use. So general was the response that 190 letters went to teachers in Arkansas, over 1500 to teachers (white and colored) in Texas, 1250 to teachers in Indiana, nearly 1000 to teachers in Louisiana, and about 800 to teachers in Virginia.

As in former years, packages of literature are being sent to Normal school graduates at institutions, white and colored, throughout the country. Suitable literature was forwarded in February to a State meeting in Wisconsin, called in the interests of humane education, and an offer made to cooperate with the Wisconsin Societies if they would start a campaign of humane education in that State.

### Sunday-School Missionaries Given Literature

Through the American Sunday-school Union we were enabled to arrange to send packages of carefully selected leaflets for distribution by their missionaries in practically every State. Of the two hundred missionaries some agreed to make use of as many as one hundred packages. This literature was cheerfully supplied at our expense.

### Prizes for Essays

Through the generosity of a friend, the Society has been able to offer three prizes, aggregating \$50 in value, for the best compositions on "The Influence upon Character of the Kind Treatment of Animals," to be written by members of the Life Saving Scouts of the Salvation Army.

### Stereopticon Slides Furnished

The Society, which probably owns the most complete collection of humane lantern slides in the country, has had two special sets of one hundred each, and two sets of sixty each, prepared and beautifully colored for the use of the National Training College of the Salvation Army, New York, and for various field workers, east and west.

Stereopticon lectures continue to be given from time to time by the President, the Secretary, and by Miss Guyol, the last-named having responded to many calls in the vicinity of Boston.

### Scenario Prize Awarded

To secure a suitable moving picture film to inculcate lessons of kindness to animals, the Society offered a prize of \$25. Many manuscripts were received and a competent judge employed who awarded the prize to F. P. Swain of Boston for a scenario entitled "Danny's Reward," the story of a newsboy and his dog. So much does this scenario appeal to those competent to judge, that arrangements are now under way to have a double reel made and exhibited generally throughout the country. Although this involves large expense, it is expected that the results will warrant the venture.

### "Our Dumb Animals"

The official organ of our work, *Our Dumb Animals*, continues to be the chief medium through which our activities are announced to the world, and seems to retain, with ever-increasing enthusiasm, the attention of humane people everywhere. Subscriptions by the hundreds are sent to it by Societies which regard this as the best investment they can make for the money expended; words of appreciation of its mission come frequently from every quarter of the globe; and through its columns we are per-

mitted to come constantly into contact with the thousands of members and other readers to whom we could never find time to write the personal letters we would like occasionally to send them. Bound volumes as in former years have been sent to hundreds of hotels and public reading-rooms; while several classes of influential people are constantly being reached by the monthly issues, and thousands of sample copies are gratuitously distributed directly through the mails and by hundreds of interested friends.

### Humane Day in Schools of Massachusetts

April 20, 1915, was universally observed as Humane Day in the schools of Massachusetts, through the efforts of our Society which provided a somewhat different pamphlet than usual for the use of teachers. The "Readings, Recitations and Other Exercises" consisted of sixteen pages, including a two-page illustration of four children, one tenderly holding a dog while another is carefully bandaging one of its legs, with the question printed below, "What is the Story of This Picture?" Many of the schools made use of this feature by having the children write essays on the subject. Fourteen thousand of these pamphlets were given to teachers in grammar grades through the cooperation of the various superintendents and masters of the schools of Massachusetts.

### Over 100,000 Bands of Mercy Organized

The total number of Bands of Mercy reached 100,000 late in the year, an accomplishment which alone would justify the existence of the American Humane Education Society. The numbers increase with the years, 4592 having been reported last year, these being distributed throughout nearly every State and not a few foreign countries. Special activity in this direction has been evident in Elgin, Illinois; in Duluth, Minnesota; in South Bend, Indiana; in New Orleans, Louisiana; in Sedalia, Missouri; in Chanute, Kansas; to mention but a few towns where the movement has been extensively popular; while the same systematic work, resulting in reaching thousands of children, has been maintained as in former years in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

A prize offer for the largest four Bands to be known as "Be Kind to Animals" Bands, organized during the period from May 1 to December 1, resulted in a Band of nearly 1000 members in a Philadelphia school; of Bands of over 500 members each in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Chanute, Kansas; and one of over 200 members in Maine.

### Bands of Mercy in Other Lands

A very active Band of Mercy has existed in Ferozepore, Punjab, India, since 1911, which has widely extended its work of mercy during the past year. In Edmonton, Alberta, 10,000 children in forty different schools, have taken the pledge, cards having been hung in each school-room. M. Jerome Perinet, Geneva, writes that he has been carrying on Band of Mercy work on the Continent, and reports new Bands in France and elsewhere, over which the teachers are very enthusiastic. It is safe to say that over 4,000,000 children have been organized into Bands of Mercy since the movement started under Mr. Angell a generation ago.

### Foreign Correspondence

This Society, always ready to aid humane work in every part of the world, has been entrusted with funds for the cause in Geneva, Switzerland, in Italy, and in China, and all such funds have been forwarded promptly to authorized agencies in those countries.

The office is constantly in correspondence with representatives of foreign humane societies and

often with representatives of the various governments. In this way we have been pleased to cooperate in new humane undertakings in Spain, Columbia, and China, as well as to continue our interest in the work in Cuba and Turkey. Arrangements are being made for the translation and circulation in China of a general tract upon the need of humane treatment of animals; and twenty-five printing-plates of animals have been sent to Tura, Assam, British India, in response to a call for their use in a missionary publication in the Garo language.

### New Society Organized

While on his way to represent our Societies at the national convention in St. Augustine, last November, our Secretary stopped over in High Point, North Carolina, and gave several addresses, resulting in the organization of a Humane Society in that city which since has been doing effective work.

At the St. Augustine convention, Mr. Richardson exhibited stereopticon slides and a film illustrating the work of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., and also presented a paper on the "Be Kind to Animals Week" movement. While there he with others addressed the colored schools of the city.

### Treasurer's Report

Friends of the two Societies will be glad to know that, owing to gifts and bequests we have been able to meet the expenses of the year and even to add something to our permanent fund. Of the total receipts of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$157,654.22, there was expended for the regular work of the Society throughout the State \$79,825.19; for the Hospital and Free Dispensary and Pet Boarding Department (including equipment) \$24,705.64; and there was transferred to the Trustees \$46,492.95; a balance being left, including that of last year, of \$22,778.04.

Gifts to the Hospital, from friends interested in it and desiring to aid it, have offset very materially the additional cost to the Society of the Hospital and Dispensary. Taking account of the expense connected with the Free Dispensary, formerly maintained at Custom House Square, and the heavy charges of garaging at a public garage our ambulance and keeping it in service night and day—expenses we were under before we had any Hospital—the demand made upon the funds of the Society for the maintenance of the Hospital and Free Dispensary have been very slight. Now that the estate of Samuel C. Cobb is to be distributed, the \$40,000 bequeathed by him to the Society for a home for the two organizations, becomes available, and, by so much, reduces the indebtedness upon our building.

Last year the gifts for the Hospital were tabulated under "Members and Donors." This year they appear separately, leaving the "Members and Donors" contributions \$12,557.53, which shows an increase over the previous year of more than \$1700. This is particularly gratifying as it represents not only many new members but larger contributions from those long connected with the Society. These figures do not include bequests which exceed those of last year by a little more than \$20,000.

The receipts of the American Humane Education Society, owing to a large legacy, were approximately \$14,000 more for the year 1914-1915 than for the year 1915-1916. The expenditures, however, have exceeded those of the previous year. There still remains a balance to the Society of \$2,662.58.

Once more we gratefully acknowledge the loyalty and generosity of our unfailing friends.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY,  
President.



### REPORT OF CHIEF PROSECUTING OFFICER FOR THE YEAR

Number of complaints received.....	16,580
Number of animals examined.....	60,092
Number of peddlers' horses examined.....	1,635
Number of prosecutions.....	314
Number of convictions.....	284
Number of horses taken from work.....	1638
Number of worn-out or injured horses humanely destroyed.....	1773
Cattle, sheep and swine examined at the stock-yards.....	481,154
Sick or injured cattle, sheep and swine killed at stock-yards.....	442

### SPECIMEN CASES

No. 1. For starving his horses for three weeks, a man was sentenced to the House of Correction for a month.

No. 2. For dragging a cow behind a wagon until her feet were cut and bleeding, a man was fined \$15.

No. 3. For cruelly beating a horse, a farmer in Franklin county was fined \$50.

No. 4. For selling a poor worn-out horse which should have been humanely destroyed, a man paid a fine of \$20.

No. 5. For failing to provide proper shelter for his horse, a man was fined \$30.

No. 6. For beating a horse with a trace-chain, two drivers were each fined \$20.

No. 7. For failing to provide proper food for his dogs, a man was fined \$10 and was committed to jail for non-payment of the fine.

No. 8. For inflicting unnecessary suffering upon a horse, a man in Fall River paid a fine of \$100. He was tried by a jury.

No. 9. For cruelly killing hogs, five men paid fines aggregating \$40. They subjected the hogs to slow torture in bleeding to death for a specific purpose.

No. 10. For cruelly transporting live ducks (over-crowding), a dealer paid a fine of \$30.

No. 11. For working a badly-galled horse, a master-teamster and contractor paid a fine of \$25.

No. 12. For docking a horse a man was fined \$300.

No. 13. For permitting the use of horses suffering from sore backs, galled shoulders and general debility, divers owners of teams and carriages were fined in sums varying from \$20 to \$50.

The directions to all our prosecuting agents are that it is always better when possible to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in the courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

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Six hundred and eighteen new Bands of Mercy were reported in March, of which 248 were in schools of Massachusetts; 153 in schools of Connecticut; 44 in schools of Rhode Island; 31 in schools of Indiana; 30 in schools of Florida; 23 in schools of Maine; 20 each in schools of Alabama and Ohio; 18 in schools of Louisiana; 9 in Minnesota; six each in Maryland and Pennsylvania; two in Iowa; and one each in Vermont, Washington, D. C., Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, South Dakota, Washington and California. The numerals show the number of Bands in each school or town:

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Tyringham: Tyringham, 2.  
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Brunswick: St. Johns, 10; Free Baptist S. S.  
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Topsham: Baptist S. S., 2; Free Baptist S. S., 2.  
Waterville: Waterville.  
Lisbon Falls, Maine: L. B. B.  
Woodstock, Vermont: Woodstock.

#### Schools in Rhode Island

Cranston: Oaklawn Public, 3.  
Providence: Bridgman Grammar, 30; Children's Friend Society, 2.

#### Schools in Connecticut

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Norwich: Mt. Pleasant, 13; Broadway, 12; Greenville, 13; High St., 6.  
Southington: Lincoln, 4.  
Waterbury: Bishop, 12; Lincoln, 9; Croft, 31.  
Yalesville: Yaleville, 5.

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Brownsville: River View.  
Chambersburg: Stevens.  
Eau Claire: Eau Claire, 2.  
Rockton: Rockton.  
South Brownsville: Christian Union Mission.  
Washington, D. C.: Protection of Animals.  
Randolph, Virginia: Gallilee School.  
Gary, Maryland: School, 3.  
Glenelg, Maryland: School, 3.  
Athens, Georgia: Angell.  
Owenton, Kentucky: Owenton.  
Birmingham, Alabama: Cameron Public School, 6; Central Alabama Institute; Baptist S. S.; Miles Memorial College, 2; Hobson.  
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#### Schools in Florida

Hastings: H. & G., 6.  
New Augustine: Public, 2; Colored, 3.  
St. Augustine: Benedict, 2; Colored, 6; Parochial, 2.  
Tampa: Public, 9.  
Montegut, Louisiana: Montegut.  
New Orleans, Louisiana: Zachary Taylor School, 4; Jackson Public School, 13.  
Youngstown, Ohio: Tod School, 10; Elm St. School, 2; Oak St. School, 8.

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That patiently toil all day,  
Footsore and lame and weary,  
With never a chance to play  
In meadows, or by the brookside,  
To roll in the lush green grass;—  
What a treat for these burdened creatures  
That daily your footsteps pass.

A mile o' dimes they are asking;—  
Just one from your purse drop in;  
'Twill never be missed from your largess.  
One almost can hear the whin  
Of the horse that is pulling so bravely  
The load taxing strength and will,  
When he sniffs the green of the meadow,  
Or noses some wayside rill.

A mile o' dimes for the horses  
Who never a rest have had;  
Who never have seen the country,  
Or been by its charms made glad.  
It is but a dime they are asking  
From each, but the mile will mean  
A good long rest from their labor  
'Mid things that are sweet and green.

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